

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed 11 September 2001, has been received and its contents carefully noted. By this Response, claims 1-21 are canceled and new claims 22-44 are added.

Extension of Time

A Petition for an Extension of Time for five months under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and the appropriate fee has been filed to extend the due date for responding to the Official Action to March 11, 2002.

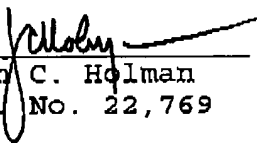
CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing new claims and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to find this application to be in allowable condition.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange for such a conference.

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